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SUBJ: COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT TRADE MISSION

1. ADVANCE MAN KUPFER RAISED QUESTION OF HOW BEST TO FACILITATE IMPORT OF DEMONSTRATION EQUIPMENT BY MISSION MEMBERS. ALTHOUGH IT IS THEORETICALLY POSSIBLE THAT WE COULD ARRANGE CUSTOMS CLEARANCE FOR THESE ITEMS IN ADVANCE, THIS IS UNRELIABLE PROCEDURE. CLEARANCE EVEN FOR REGULAR EMBASSY SHIPMENTS VARIES FROM OVERNIGHT TO SEVERAL MONTHS DEPENDING ON MOOD OF SAG OFFICIALS. THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT EQUIPMENT BE AIRMAILED TO EMBASSY VIA APO FACILITIES (C/O COMMERCIAL ATTACHE, AMEMBASSY, APO NEW YORK, 09697). NOTE APO SIZE LIMIT OF 72 INCHES COMBINED LENGTH AND GIRTH. FROM RIYADH TO KUWAIT, MEMBERS SHOULD HAVE NO DIFFICULTY IN TAKING ITEMS OUT OF COUNTRY AS PART OF THEIR ACCOMPANIED BAGGAGE. THIS ASSUMES THAT CUSTOMS CLEARANCE IN KUWAIT NOT AS DIFFICULT PROCESS AS SAUDI ARABIA.

2. IF EMBASSY KUWAIT DOES ANTICIPATE DIFFICULTIES WITH
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ON-THE-SPOT CLEARANCE, ONLY ALTERNATIVE WE PERCEIVE IS

FOR CONSULATE IN DHAHRAN TO MEET PLANE DURING STOP THERE
EN ROUTE TO KUWAIT, PICK UP ITEMS AND FORWARD TO KUWAIT
BY SPECIAL DIPLOMATIC POUCH. (FOR DHAHRAN: MISSION
PASSING THROUGH ON MAY 14.)
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